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RACING SCARVES.

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Hongkong, 15th February, 1883. [296]

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CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000.00
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000.00
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 290,553.95

TOTAL CAPITAL and Accumulations, 8th May, 1882.....Tls. 940,553.95

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RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1883. [83]

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.

Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

Agents, ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [457]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [106]

GENERAL NOTICE.

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RESERVE FUND.....\$70,858.27.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [601]

Intimations.

J. M. GUEDES.

HOUSE AND LAND BROKER,

AUCTIONEER, AND COMMISSION AGENT.

No. 33, WELLINGTON STREET, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1882. [5]

F. D. GUEDES.

WINE MERCHANT AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.

No. 5, D'AGUIAR STREET.

HAS always on hand a large assortment of CHOICE WINES of the best quality, at Moderate Prices.

Hongkong, 21st October, 1882. [66]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF VALUABLE PROPERTY IN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 14th day of March, 1883, at 3 P.M., on the Premises,—

LOT 1.—The HOUSES Nos. 38 and 40, in Queen's Road Central and Stanley Street, (at present occupied by Messrs. GAUFF & Co. and Messrs. MOODY & Co.) measuring 6,167 square feet. Yearly Crown Rent \$22.11.11.

LOT 2.—The HOUSES Nos. 42 and 44, (occupied by Messrs. MARTY, ULLMANN, and Messrs. RAYNAL & Co.) in Queen's Road and Stanley Street, measuring 4,873 square feet. Yearly Crown Rent \$17.16.14. Registered in the Land Office as INLAND LOT No. 6.

For Particulars and Conditions of Sale, Apply to

J. M. GUEDES, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1883. [167]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF Mr. HENRY LISTON DALRYMPLE and Mr. JOHN GORDON TAILOR HASSELL in Our Firm has Cess'd and it is Closed in Hongkong from this Date, Mr. DALRYMPLE being Authorized to Sign "In Liquidation in Hongkong."

BIRLEY & Co.

1st March, 1883.

MR. KENNETH DOUGLAS ADAMS and Mr. JAMES LYON PLAYFAIR SANDERSON are this Day admitted PARTNERS in Our Firms at Canton and Foochow.

BIRLEY & Co.

1st March, 1883.

MR. HENRY LISTON DALRYMPLE Acts as Correspondent of Messrs. BIRLEY & Co. here, and has commenced Business under the style of

BIRLEY, DALRYMPLE & Co.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1883. [169]

To be Let.

TO LET,

WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.

THREE TOP FLATS of HOUSES, Nos. 2, 3, and 4, and A GRANITE GODOWN in the BLUE BUILDINGS, PRAYA EAST.

Apply to

J. M. GUEDES.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1883. [166]

TO LET.

A TWO STOREY HOUSE (6 Rooms) in Mosque Junction. The above has Gas and Water laid on, and immediate possession can be had.

For Particulars apply to

D. NOWROJEE, Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, 27th November, 1882. [18]

TO LET.

NO. 4, OLD BAILLY STREET.

NO. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, lately occupied by PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NO. 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE.

NO. 25A, PRAYA CENTRAL.

NO. 10, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

Apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1883. [7]

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, ARE NOW PREPARED TO RECEIVE OFFERS FROM SUITABLE PERSONS FOR A FIVE OR TEN YEARS LEASE OF THE HONGKONG HOTEL, AND FURNITURE COMPLETE.

This well known HOTEL is situated in the Queen's Road, Hongkong, within a few yards of the principal landing place in the Colony.

It is a large and commodious building, replete with every modern improvement and convenience. It contains an ELEGANT AND SPACIOUS BAR, A LARGE BILLIARD ROOM, READING ROOM, A DINING HALL to accommodate 170 Persons, FIFTY TWO BED ROOMS, TWO CAPITAL BOWLING ALLEYS, together with all the other necessities of a well appointed Hotel.

It is the only First Class Hotel in the Colony, and is always patronised by a number of permanent boarders, consisting principally of Government Officials, Military and Naval Officers and their Families, &c.

It is at present under a Lease to Messrs. DORABJI and HING-KEE, which lease expires on the 15th October, 1883.

Applications to be addressed—

THE CHAIRMAN,

THE HONGKONG HOTEL CO. LIMITED,

HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1883. [34]

STAG HOTEL,

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS.

English and American Billiards.

Thin at One o'clock, Dinner at 7 o'clock.

This HOTEL is centrally situated and within easy distance of the principal landing places.

[475]

COOK, Proprietor.

Intimations.

"NOVELTY STORE."

MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

JUST RECEIVED.

THE FOLLOWING MUSIC EX STEAMSHIP

"GLENEAGLES"

Les Sirenes—Valse, by E. Waldteufel.

My Queen—Valse, by E. Waldteufel.

Messenger of Love—Valse, by C. Coote Jnr.

Dolores Valse—by E. Waldteufel.

Officers' Valse—by C. Coote Jnr.

ALSO THE FOLLOWING ROYAL EDITIONS OF OPERAS, WITH VOCAL AND PIANOFORTE SCORES, IN ENGLISH AND ITALIAN.

Lucia di Lammermoor—by Donizetti.

Don Pasquale—by Donizetti.

Lucrina Borgin—by Donizetti.

L'Elisir D'Amore—by Donizetti.

La Favorita—by Donizetti.

Masaniello—by Auber.

La Sonnambula—by Bellini.

Norma—by Bellini.

Il Barbiere—by Rossini.

I Puritani—by Bellini.

Le Premier Pas—Polka, by C. Coote Jnr.

Trials by Jury—by A. Sullivan.

H.M.S. Pinafore—by A. Sullivan.

Ever of This—Song, by Foley Hall.

S. MEYERS, MANAGER.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1883. [28]

KELLY & WALSH.

THE LAST FRENCH AND AMERICAN MAILED BRING HOME DATES OF THE

FIRST WEEK IN JANUARY. WE ARE IN A POSITION TO SUPPLY

AT ONCE THE FOLLOWING PERIODICALS, ENABLING

SUBSCRIBERS TO COMMENCE IN NEARLY ALL

CASES, FROM THE FIRST NUMBER OF

A NEW VOLUME.

LONDON AND CHINA EXPRESS.

ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS.

THE OVEN.

ENGINEER.

FAMILY HERALD.

LA VIE PARISIENNE.

MARINE ENGINEER.

YOUNG LADIES JOURNAL.

HARPER'S WEEKLY.

WEEKLY EDITION OF THE TIMES.

KELLY & WALSH are Sole Agents for the LONDON AND CHINA EXPRESS. It gives a General Summary of the week's events at home and abroad; but its special mission is to furnish the latest and best information respecting all subjects of interest to residents in China and the Far East. It makes a specialty of Commercial and Shipping Reports compiled from the most reliable sources, and each number contains one or more thoughtful leading articles of local interest. The Subscription is \$15 per Annum—Specimen Copies will be sent on application.

JUST PUBLISHED—PRICE \$1.50.

THE HONGKONG NAUTICAL POCKET BOOK

FOR 1883.

Containing Canton Tide Tables for every day in the year, with data for calculating the Time of High Water at all Ports on the Coast of China, Siam, and Japan. Peak and International Code Signals, List of Lights, Buoys and Beacons on the Coast of China, Tidal Constants, Hongkong Fire Signals, Distance Tables to Japan, Shanghai, Coast Ports and the principal places trading with the Colony. Longitude in Time of various prominent points, Dimensions of Hongkong Docks, and a mass of information specially useful for Captains, Pilots and all engaged in Shipping. For Sale by Messrs. FALCONER & Co., Mr. JOHN NOBLE, Messrs. C. J. GAUFF & Co., Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and at the PUBLISHERS.

KELLY & WALSH—HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1883. [559]

SAYLE & CO.'S SHOWROOMS.

SAYLE & CO. ARE SHOWING.

WITH A VIEW TO REDUCING OUR STOCK TO MAKE ROOM FOR NEW GOODS

WE ARE OFFERING FOR ONE WEEK ONLY.

FANCY CHECKED DRESS MATERIALS.....@ 15c. PER YARD USUAL PRICE 25c.

INVISIBLE CHECKED Do.....@ 15c. do. do. 25c.

POMPADOUR DELAINES Do.....@ 20c. do. do. 50c.

ROUGH & READY SERGES Do.....@ 20c. do. do. 30c.

CHECKED MOHAIRS Do.....@ 30c. do. do. 45c.

TERRA COTTA & OTHER STRIPED SATINETTES @ 50c. do. do. 75c.

FANCY VELVETEENS.....@ 35c. do. do. 50c.

ALSO

LADIES SHOES.....@ \$1.25 PER PAIR do. \$2.50.

LADIES SHOES.....@ \$1.50 do. do. \$2.50.

LADIES SHOES.....@ \$1.75 do. do. \$2.82.

N.B.—JUST OPENED A CASE OF ATKINSON'S SCENTS.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

SAYLE & CO.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1883. [659]

W. BREWER.

HAS JUST RECEIVED EX "OCEANIC."

HERBERT Spencer's Works Complete.

Stanley's Jewish Church.

Grey's Enigmas of Life.

Grey's Creed of Christendom.

Lecley's History of Morals.

Warren's Household Physician.

Bryant and Stratton's Book-keeping.

Lubbock's History of Civilisation.

Dane's Manual of Mineralogy.

National Religion by the Author of Ecco Homo.

KINNEY BROS CIGARETTES; SWEET CAPORAL AND OTHER BRANDS.

THE AUTOPHONE is the instrument that all can play and all the newest music of the day.

THE BEATITY "BEETHOVEN" ORGANS with 20 Stops; Manificent Instruments; Very Cheap.

The finest collection of PHOTOGRAPHS ever shown in the East, real works of Art which should be early inspected. An entirely new collection of elegantly designed PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES for gentlemen and ordinary sized photos.

The Statuary Panels and other Fine Art Goods. The New Cigar Lighter! Mackinnon Pens! Zola's Novels! Reynolds' Novels! Spoonendyke's Popular Medical Books!

W. BREWER, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1883. [203]

For Sale.

D. K. GRIFFITH.

MANUFACTURER OF THE LONDON AERATED WATERS.

7, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, (Opposite the City Hall)

Having Purchased the entire Machinery of the late Mr. E. CHARTERIS'S SODA WATER FACTORY

is now prepared to execute the largest orders for every description of Aerated Waters with promptness and despatch.

SUPERIOR QUALITY.

I. S. G. U. A. R. N. T. E. D.

Consumers are invited to try these carefully Manufactured

SPARKLING WATERS.

THREE DOZEN FOR ONE DOLLAR.

All Orders and Communications should be addressed to The Factory,

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Hongkong, 11th April, 1882. [49]

For Sale.

G. FALCONER & CO.

WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS

JEWELLERS

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS.

CHARTS AND BOOKS.

No. 45, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

WILLIAM SCHMIDT & CO.

GUNMAKERS & AMMUNITION DEALERS.

7, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE.

Arms Ammunitions, and Requisites of every description.

Arms Repaired, Cleaned, or Converted at moderate charges.

Spotting Guns and Ammunition always on hand.

Amusements.

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

THE MEMBERS WILL PERFORM BARNETT'S CANTATA

"THE ANCIENT MARINER,"

IN

ST. ANDREW'S HALL:

CITY HALL

ON

WEDNESDAY,

THE 7TH MARCH, AT NINE P.M.

Members of the String Band of the Buffs will (by kind permission) compose the Orchestra.

TICKETS—(Price 2s Each) may be obtained at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s after 11 A.M., on THURSDAY, March 1st, (and at the Door of the Hall on the Night of Performance) where a plan of Seats may be seen, and books of the words purchased by Ticket Holders at 20 Cents per Copy.

R. G. ALFORD, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1883. [158]

A. S. WATSON & CO.
I NVITE INSPECTION OF A WELL
SELECTED STOCK OF
FANCY CHRISTMAS
GOODS,
COMPRISING :—
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS
IN GREAT VARIETY.
SWEETS AND CONFECTIONERY.
FANCY SATIN COVERED BOXES.
CUT GLASS TOILET BOTTLES.
CHRISTMAS CARD ALBUMS.
IVORY BACK HAIR BRUSHES.
SCIENTIFIC TOYS.
ATKINSON'S, HENDRIE'S, AND LUBIN'S
PERFUMES.
 &c., &c., &c.
A. S. WATSON & Co.,
CHEMISTS, DRUGGISTS,
 AND
PERFUMERS.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
ESTABLISHED 1841. [3

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 1883.

Racing matters and everything connected with them are proverbially matters of opinion; but we are disposed to believe that there can only be one opinion; and that not a favorable one as to the part played by Mr. ARTHUR COLE in the grave scandals of Saturday last. There is an old Arab proverb which says that the moment a man is satisfied with himself, everybody else is dissatisfied with him; and this we have no doubt, is the exact position

Previous to the start Mr. Coxon had raised some feeble objection, which was promptly set aside. After the finish Mr. Coxon made the best of his way to the weighing room, and in, what we may describe as, a fit of virtuous indignation, immediately commenced a very powerful oration to his brother Stewards and the public. That is to say the public crowded round the weighing room, and as the speaker's tones were pitched in a key familiar to the members of the old volunteer corps, he had an attentive and amused audience. As a detailed report of a discussion that ensued between Mr. Coxon and Mr. FASSER-SMITH was published in our issue of last Monday, it would serve no useful end to reproduce it here, the more especially as it reflects very little credit on either of the principal actors. So far as Mr. Coxon is concerned, no censure could be too severe for his most reprehensible conduct. A prominent official of the Race Fund to act in the manner he did could only suggest complete ignorance of racing law, an ungovernable temper, or an even less excusable cause. Whether there was anything irregular in the race for the Ambassador Cup, or not does not in any

TELEGRAMS

THE EGYPTIAN EXPEDITION.
LONDON, 1st March.

CONSERVATIVE SUCCESSES.
The Conservative candidates have been elected for Dublin county and Portarlington.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

WE are informed by the Agents (Messrs. G. R. Stevens & Co.) that the steamship *Exline* left Sydney yesterday, for the Queensland Ports, Port Darwin and Hongkong, and may be expected to arrive here about the 20th inst.

THE cheapest place for fruit in the civilized world is probably Valencia, in Spain. Valencia itself has 150,000 inhabitants, and boasts considerable manufactures of silk. But as the market town for immense quantities of oranges, grapes and other fruit grown in the surrounding country its fame is "world-wide." A visitor there less than a month ago writes of seeing "acres of huge wine casks and thousands of boxes of grapes awaiting shipment, a dozen or more steamers being loaded, and a great many heavily loaded carts constantly arriving to keep up the supply." The grapes are "simply marvellous," being not uncommonly as large as plums. Of course they are wonderfully cheap also. Single bunches weighing two pounds may be bought in the season for eight cents. Melons, of delicious flavor, will keep all the year round, and may be bought for five or ten cents each. Tomatoes and vegetables of every kind are abundant and cheap.

A WRITER in the *Overland Mail* observes that amateur doctors may take warning from the unfortunate who has baffled the Rev. W. E. Timine, who, having attempted to cure a servant girl of "something between epilepsy and epilepsy," by a "dose" of bitter almonds, killed her instead and will now have to stand his trial for manslaughter. The unfortunate and doubtful yet meaningful diagnosis is evidently of mature age, for his grown-up son gave evidence at the inquest; and the proverb says that "at forty a man is either a fool or a physician." Mr. Timine is clearly not a physician, though it seems that he did something in the way of medicine a good many years ago and that he is insisting on the incompetency of all other medicine men. He must have been a doctor, but he is now only playing with dreams and quacks thrown in the shade by the grosser folly of playing with

**HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

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1. SECRET

CANTON.

The following is the report of the Shamseer Municipal Council for the year, 1887—

The Council's financial statement for the year 1887 has been printed and placed in the hands of the rate-payers; this shows a balance in hand of \$6,941.09, besides two bonds of \$500 each.

The largest item of expenditure is of course that pertaining to the police. The efficiency of a police force is best estimated by its negative results. Hence, in the well sustained immunity from robbery and disorder, the Council think the residents of Shamseer have reason to be well satisfied with the manner in which the settlements are guarded by Superintendent Lindberg and his brave Chinese policemen under his control. The rounds of the settlements were patrolled at all hours of the night and day, and the gates of the two bridges are guarded. In the performance of this latter duty the object is to prevent "mercenaries" from mingling on Shamseer, for at the same time to afford free access thereto to all Chinese for purposes of business or to visit their friends; in this matter much discretion is necessarily placed in the hands of individual policemen.

It is reported that some whole-sale men have been doing little satisfactory business since the introduction of opium into Canton.

There is a new school building at Shamseer, built by the state government, and containing about twenty rooms.

During the summer vacation the Council had occasion to send several Circulars calling upon them to take notice of certain persons who upon returning home occasionally resorted to the Council's offices, ostensibly requesting redress for their wrongs, fully aware that they were receiving money from the Council.

for many years past. There are 1,500 extra hands at work above the strength of the yard, and, notwithstanding this, some 2,000 or 3,000 men are daily working extra hours. The greatest exertions are being used to complete as rapidly as possible the two new armour-plated vessels now under construction. Nearly the whole of the established workmen at Chatham are being put in requisition to the order of the Admiralty asking for an increase of wages, as it is some years since an increase was granted to the leading trades, and as the value of labour in private yards has increased. Chatham is working in conjunction with some of the other Royal yards.

The number of *Annales de l'Extrême Orient* for the present month is not a very brilliant one. The best paper for our field is one dealing with "Progrès du Génie Civil en Chine," in which the writer predicts great things in the future, and in which issue we are warned to join with him. He deals with the probability of connecting Peking and Tientsin with the Valley of the Yangtze by railway, and thence to Canton. Regarding the obstacles of the Hoang-ho and the Yangtze, he says there are three methods of transporting the trains, viz., by bridge, by tunnel and by ferry steamers, and leans to the latter suggestion himself as involving very slight cost compared with the other two. Amongst the miscellaneous items in the same number is a note that M. Thomson on his arrival in Saigon will institute a strict inquiry into the finances, which are said to show a deficiency. Steps will also be taken to establish the equilibrium.

The *Journal des Débats*, contains an article by M. Henri Cordier on the Tong King Question. He deals very hardly with Mah, who, he says, is now turning against the French education given him partly by the French missionaries of the Society of Jesus and partly acquired in France. He does not fail to give proofs now of what utility that education has been to him. M. Cordier then deals with the question of Szechuan and China by Tong King, and contends that she is a vassal she is still not free to make such decisions as she is capable of being "protected" without the interference of China. He quotes Vattel's *Droit des Gens* in support of this theory. He then says, "Nations of such opposed temperaments as France and China will never arrive at a neutral ground of conciliation. It is, then, necessary to absolutely discard—the pretensions of China and anticipate its manoeuvres by prompt action."

All that she can demand of us, and which we are elsewhere disposed to accord to her, is to respect her frontiers, to facilitate her commerce, and to live with her as good neighbours.

The Notes of a Journey by Mr. Alexander Hosie through the Provinces of Kueichow and Yunnan have just been issued by the Foreign Office, in a pamphlet form. Mr. Hosie left Chung-king, it would appear from the appendix, for the date is not given in the body of the work, on April 19th last, and returned to that city on the evening of June 28th. He writes in a vivid but unpretentious style, and is evidently endowed with a keen sense of humour. But the value of the notes now before us lies chiefly in the fact appended to each page of the observations with which Mr. Hosie has regarded the country through which he passed and the minute details he presents of its physical condition and commercial possibilities. The route lay beyond the range of hills opposite Chi-chung, passing Lao-ch'eng, situate in the centre of a valley full of poppy fields. An interesting account is given of the native manufacture of paper, which was being carried in large quantities from the interior. Leaving Kalshih-chang, and tending in a westerly direction, many small villages were passed, the most noteworthy being that of Lung-kang, between which place and the district city of Chi-chiang nothing worthy of the name of a village exists. Mr. Hosie noticed the silkworm feeding on the oaks in this district; but was assured that the silk produced was of an inferior quality. He was anxious to extend his investigations in every direction, and having noticed a kind of wild strawberry growing in abundance along the sides of the highway, he asked a follower to eat one as an experiment. They were well known to be much to be feared rather than for poisonous, we suppose, and it is difficult to hear that Mr. Hosie stayed the man, who had raised the fruit to his mouth. His was by far too valuable an existence to risk; he was the cook! At Kan-shui, a village on the left bank of the Sung-kun, iron and coal were lying about in all directions. At Tai-lung-pu the proclamation regarding the riot at Chung King was found prominently posted up. Poppy seems to be grown in every direction, and Mr. Hosie's account confirms what has been said of the extensive cultivation of the plant. The hills to the west of Kuei-yang Fu were uncultivated and not a single habitation was seen. At Anping it was poppy again, the crop of which is described as splendid. Erh-pao was reached on a market day, and the produce brought in was plentiful, but An-shun-fu was the busiest place observed, but no goods of foreign manufacture were displayed—a noteworthy fact. The features of the journey throughout were more the same, and Mr. Hosie was well treated and duly escorted by the military. The itinerary is ably written, and the reader gets a complete idea of the events which occurred. If Mr. Hosie did not come up to expectations, but of the west at Tali Fu glowing accounts were received from a Roman Catholic Missionary. It could not, however, be visited. It is impossible in our space to produce a full account of the journey, but the above will give an idea of its interesting details.

MR. HAWES ON CHINESE RELIGION.

St. James, Marylebone, was crowded to excess on Sunday, the 21st inst., the Rev. H. R. Hawes taking for his subject the religious teaching of Lao-tse, Confucius, and Meng-Tsen in relation to Christianity. India, he said, was the 'Source of Thought, China of Practical Action.' In the first, all History was Philosophy; in the second, all Philosophy was History. The State established three religions—Confucianism, Buddhism, and Taoism—in China; but the national genius of Chinese thought centred in the laicist, dry, systematic, and practical Confucius. The preacher then glanced at the geographical, monumental, agricultural, and social features of the Celestial Empire. Five thousand years ago, he said, the Emperor Wang prayed:—Ye O Spirits, are the ministers of Shang-Ti (the Supreme God, or Personified Heaven); the workers, the translators, the preservers? pointed to the Chinese people, and beneath it to the famous 'lines' of Fuh-Shi, B.C. 1150, which he explained symbolised a whole system of philosophy. The Emperor Tang's thoughts on government were quoted contemporary with Jacob and Esau (B.C. 1700) 200 years before Moses. "Shang-Ti (God) gives the people the moral law, in the heart, and gives the Sovereign to see it carried out," and similar words of King David; a thousand years later were referred to. The corruption of these great ideas was traced to the ruin of the empire on the lives of the great Reformers, Lao-tse, and Confucius (671), and Mencius, Fourth Century, B.C. Lao-tse was a book-worm, the First

He found a sort of Carlyle—with little sympathy for the masses, "mostly fools," sententious, brief, and not very good-tempered. "When asked about the Ancestors, 'They are dead; their bones are dust; their words alone survive.' He ends with a truly Carlylese tirade against Cumbledom, flunkeyism, and shams. No doubt Confucius' exquisite manner, careful attire, and courtly ways grated on the rugged student. He broke out, 'Put away your stick-up looks and your self-conceit. They can do you no good. I have nothing more to tell you.' And so Lao-tse turned on his heel. The young Confucius seems to have been struck with awe. He felt the greatness of the man: "I can only liken him," he said, "to the dragon that mounts through the clouds to heaven." The preacher then quoted some fine sayings of the crabbled old philosopher on compassion, humility, and economy, high thinking, and plain living, and alluded to the striking close of his career. An old man of past eighty, he turned his back on the unregenerate city Chai, but the gate-keeper, Yin-Hsi, arrested him and besought him, "Go, he-then, to write a book. He wrote the 'Tao-Te-King,' or book of divine wisdom.—So are great men often ignored by the upper classes, but recognised by the people and posterity. We owe the great Chinese classic to the prayer of the obscure door-keeper, Yin-Hsi. Lao-tse, nearly ninety years old, then went alone out of the North-west gate of Chai, and was never heard of again." "He was," says his biographer, "a superior man, and liked to keep his name unknown." Lao-tse was a very different person, with an intense belief in himself, in the people—in his power to teach them, with sympathetic and popular address, and refined and fascinating manner, he was cut out to be a ruler of men. He was born 551, and died 478 B.C. He was originally a small Government official in the public granaries, but also set up a school at his house, and his teaching soon attracted the sons of nobles. The Prince Lu made him a magistrate, and so extraordinary was his influence that he was raised to the First Commissioner of Works and Minister of Agriculture. When he was well time came, the prisons were empty, strangers flocked to hear his wisdom; and Prince Lu's prosperity was so conviced that a plot was successfully organised to seduce the Prince from his allegiance to Confucius, who at last leaves the State in disgust, and wanders through China with a few disciples. The preacher here alluded to the sage's lofty character—his rebuke to one who, when they were in deep need, suggested stealing some food—"The superior man may be hungry, but he will not mean man alone gives way to his ill-will." His tolerance of his disciples, "I am one who, in his thirst for knowledge, forbears not to eat, who forgets sorrow in the joy of attainment, and who hardly has time to notice the advance of old age." May we learn, said the preacher, from this "heathen Chinese" how to live in our Master's service, and die with our hands upon the plough! Confucius spoke little of the life of the next life—he was absorbed with the duties of this—but his soul was reverent. When questioned on some mysteries which our clergy were wont to be glib about, he said humbly, "I don't know." When asked to pray to spirits for recovery of the sick, he refused, but uttered this fine saying, "The prayer of Confucius is constant." What had he to say for those whose life was an offering to the Highest he knew and an allegiance to the eternal order of the universe? His homage was indeed to a law or principle, rather than to a person. His system was weak in the sense of mystery—just where Buddha's was strong; and strong in its earnest care for, and belief in, this world—just where Buddha's was weak. The preacher then gave specimens of the sage's "indirect" and "cumulative" style, which he likened to the cumulative effect of the stones in the pagoda and quoted his aphorisms on "Good Government" and "Private Conduct." His three favourite texts were—*Conscience*, or our perception of Good and Evil; *Humanity*, or the Equity of the Heart; *Moral Courage*, or the Force of the Soul. The Doctrine of Moderation, or the "Invariable Means," ran through the whole of his system, and explained his minute attention to ceremonies. His whole life was measured—his salute, his footsteps, the fall of his robe; even his walking in straight slips. At first he thought that outward conformity to Right was the chief thing for a people; but his experience taught him that "we may force people to do justice; we cannot force them to love it." At the age of seventy he returns to the now penitent and aged Marquis Lu, but he is too old for office. He was broken in health and sad at heart, for he could get no Government to adopt his severe and noble methods. One day his disciple Tsz-kum watched him pacing feebly in the sunshine with his stick behind him, and heard him mutter:—

"The great mortals must crumble.
The small ones soon decay.
And the wise man wither away like grass."

"Ah!" cried his friend, "I fear the master is to be ill!" Confucius then tells him that he knows by a dream that he is soon to die. His last words are those of a weary and disappointed old man—"No wise ruler comes; no Prince invites me to be his counsellor; it is time for me to die. So saying, he lay on his bed and passed away in a few days." His sayings are learned throughout China to this day, as we learn the Bible, and Temples are raised to his honour. He remains, after 2,500 years, China's most living force. Meng-Tsai (d. 300) was his chief service by his extremely caustic and humorous application of the Confucian doctrine. He was a moralist, and several pungent anecdotes and conversations between him and his disciples were given. The sermon, which lasted an hour and an hour and a half, supplied the material of Chinese Buddhism, which supplied the material of Chinese, and Taoism, which yielded the spiritual and mystic element of Chinese religion. Both these qualities were indispensable to a working religion, which might be summed up as dealing with Conduct, Thought, and Aspiration.—*Conscience* was admirable in conduct. Buddha was sublimely in thought. Christianity alone seemed to unite the two to a secret aspiration and an imperishable hope.—*L. B. C. Express.*

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